

PARK & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2003
6:30 P.M.

Call To Order: The Parks & Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 West 15th Street, Rushville. President Tim Shuppert called the meeting to order. Members present were Tracey Phillips, Charles Brown, Wilma Jo Kile, Denny Corn and Jack Harmon. Also present was Parks Director Danny Mathews, Mayor Bob Bridges and Attorney Julie Newhouse. Sharpe was absent with Brown taking minutes.

Minutes: Minutes of May 13, 2003 was presented for approval. Harmon moved to approve May 13th's minutes. Kile seconded. Motion carried.

Reports: Mathews reported vandalism on the gazebo. Need to report it to police. Advised attorney. Some vandalism still in park. Need to try to help with Relay for Life. Asked Parks Board Members to attend and help keep kids off of path with bikes. Thanked Corn for helping with concrete problem in open shelter.

Pool Report: Pool Manager Anita Carfield and Co-Manager Jean Kopf gave the following information:

The Waggener Community Pool officially opened on Thursday, May 29th. Since that time we have been closed three (3) days to weather conditions. In the nine (9) days that we have been open, not counting today, we have daily averaged 109 in attendance.

The water temperature of the pool has been between 75 and 78 degrees.

Yesterday, June 9, business started to pick up with the warmer weather. We had 217 in attendance; admissions took in \$793.50 and the concessions made \$258.65.

We have sold 38 child passes and 17 family passes so far this season.

We are trying evening swim lessons this year, and so far they have been very successful. We are into our first week, and the seven guards who are giving lessons are booked almost solid for both weeks with only 1 opening available for this week.

On one of the cooler days, we had a fake drowning. One of the guards reacted quickly, the young man who faked his drowning was addressed by the managers, and the guard was very cold the remainder of the day.

We have already had one pool party in which there were 4 lives saved due to small children going into the deep end. Our guards reacted smoothly and efficiently.

We have 12 more scheduled parties thus far.

Due to the weather the Adult Swim has been slow.

Water aerobics is off to a good start. It began last week and is each Tuesday, and Thursday from 5:15-6:00.

The school will be using the pool for PE classes the last two weeks of June and we will begin morning swim lessons on July 7th. We will begin to schedule those lessons this week.

Claims: Reviewed prior to meeting by Brown and Corn. Brown made a motion to approve the claims for the month. Corn seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: Vandalism a big concern with board. Shuppert asked if we could use paper and radio to help. A neighborhood watch is possible to help with this.

New Business: Jim Woods representing softball league told us they are doing a couple of raffles. \$1,000 for first place. They can make \$3,965.00 to pay for fence. They have done work on diamond to fix things up. They are checking with Community Foundation. They are selling sign boards in outfield. Woods ask about diamonds in New Castle to get fence as they no longer have leagues there. Was advised to call Mayor.

Talked about bathrooms at N. Veterans Memorial to stay open for softball games. Will give keys so they can lock them up themselves.

Shuppert asked about written agreement with softball for next year.

Shuppert wanted to schedule a special meeting for the budget.

Will meet on Thursday the 19th at 6:30 p.m.

Talked about electric bill. Softball, park and school is paying the light bill. Mathews will sort out the details with the school.

Mathews was asked by a citizen if she could use the gazebo as advertising for her business. Phillips said we need a policy on this. Board thought she needed to address the board on this to explain it more. Mayor thought her using it to promote her business was not such a good idea. He had concerns. As long as it is booked and they pay. If you decorate or are using it exclusively need to rent it.

Brown questioned steps. He feels we need to fix so not held up by blocks. Mathews stated that Eugene Stanley is going to put a path in to gazebo for \$375.00, which is material only. Is donating his labor.

Brown shared with the board a quote for the plaque for the gazebo. For \$44.90 we can get a plastic engraved plaque with all responsible for the gazebo engraved on it.

Mathews wanted to add Rosfeld and Stanley to the list of names. The board felt we should take off the names of the Parks Board members and just add the names of all who made it possible.

Motion made by Kile to purchase a plaque for the gazebo. Seconded by Phillips. Motion carried.

Need written policy on renting all city buildings, per attorney.

Need to get grinding rails up at the Skatepark. It was decided to do it Tuesday, 17th at 5:30 p.m.

Kile mentioned Gospel Sing was well attended.

There being no further business, Kile moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

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<hr/> JACK HARMON, MEMBER	<hr/> CHARLES BROWN, MEMBER
<hr/> WILMA JO KILE, MEMBER	<hr/> DENNY CORN, MEMBER

ATTEST: _____
CHARLES BROWN, ACTING SECRETARY

